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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS ENDS

The proposal period for LEEC's 2016 grants cycle has ended. We received entries for many worthy projects in each of the Educator, Professional Development, University Research and Green Schools categories. Our review teams will consider each of the entries and prioritize them based on their strengths. We will announce our list of finalists no later than April 15, 2016.

ART AND LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST

The deadline for the 2016 Environmental Education Student Art and Language Arts Contest is April 22, 2016. We are very excited to see and read all of your students' stories and work.

Find more information at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisianas-environmental-awareness-student-art-language-arts-contest>.



WATERSHED WEBS WORKSHOPS

Watershed Webs is a 4-day workshop for teachers and limited 1-day field experiences for students (grades 5-12) of participating teachers, focuses on the dynamics of watersheds, water quality, trash, and our new WET tracker app. Teachers in the coastal parishes/counties of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are eligible to participate. Go to <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/watershed-webs-eligible-parishes-and-counties> for a list of qualifying parishes and counties. [Download the flyer and registration form.](#)

Participants can choose one of two venues: **June 21-24, 2016:** Educators will be treated to a stay at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/refuge/rockefeller-wildlife-refuge>, which is located on the coast of Southwest Louisiana and is known as being one of the most biologically diverse wildlife areas in the nation.

OR

July 26-29, 2016: The workshop will be held at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium facility in Chauvin, Louisiana, about 85 miles southwest of New Orleans. It is situated in the heart of the estuarine wetland complex of the Mississippi River deltaic plain, between two active distributaries - the Atchafalaya River and the Mississippi itself. Visit <http://www.lumcon.edu/> for more details.

DISCOVERING BIODIVERSITY — JUNE 29 AT BARBE HIGH SCHOOL, LAKE CHARLES, LA

Participants in this exciting, dynamic workshop will receive hands-on instruction from experienced educators and biologists, get updates on Louisiana threatened and endangered species management initiatives, and go home with strategies and materials for including biodiversity instruction in their class curriculum.

Breakfast and lunch are provided. Attendees will receive a \$50 stipend, up to 7 professional contact hours, a selection of related lessons, plus a book, DVD and poster.

Find the registration form online at: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/professional-development-opportunities>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FROM H-2-O: A WATER QUALITY FREE WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS, JUNE 1-4, 2016

This workshop will train you to become a Bayouside Classroom teacher, which will allow you to provide your students hands-on inquiry-based experiences in the environment while helping to monitor the health of Louisiana's aquatic habitats. The focus of this workshop is on water quality and how you can use regular sampling to help your students understand scientific methods, their place in the estuary, watersheds, and what types of water quality problems exist in estuaries and the ocean.

Teachers will receive classroom resources, equipment, CLUs, and free meals and lodging.

[Click here to email Murt Conover for more workshop information.](#)

SHIP TIME & SHORELINE FREE TEACHER WORKSHOP, JULY 11-15, 2016

Ship Time & Shoreline is a teacher workshop designed to immerse educators in the coastal habitats of South Louisiana. This workshop provides insight about various science methods by giving the teachers the role of scientist. Field and laboratory activities will highlight the scientific methods being used by Coastal Waters Consortium researchers.

Participants will spend the week meeting and interacting with scientists, exploring various coastal environments, and learning about the field and laboratory methods being used and how that information can be used back in the classroom.

Teachers will receive hands on training, classroom materials, CLUs, and free meals & lodging.

[Click here to email Murt Conover for more workshop information or registration.](#)

The average distance that women and children walk for water in Africa and Asia is six kilometers (3.7 miles).

Source <http://waterfortheages.org/2009/12/02/10-facts-on-women-and-water/>

UPDATE ON LOUISIANA CRANES AVAILABLE

The latest quarterly [Friends of the Louisiana Whooping Cranes newsletter](#) is available on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries website.

LDWF received a cohort of 11 new chicks at the end of 2015 and they are currently being readied to join the Louisiana population. Unfortunately, two adult birds were euthanized due to unrecoverable illness and injury and two were shot in Texas. The person responsible for the shootings has been arrested and charged.



You can keep abreast of all of the latest developments with this exciting project by subscribing to the newsletter. Subscribe at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/whooping-cranes>.

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